

# Computers for Schools



**VO-TECH DEPARTMENT  
NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

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## How to Donate

Contact the Vo-Tech Department at Northeast Correctional Center to donate your used computers (Pentium or better) and/or printers to the **Computers for Schools Program**. A receipt will be issued showing what donation was made.

## How to Receive Computers

All public schools in the state of Missouri may apply to receive computers from the **Computers for Schools Program** by contacting Robert Hess, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), at (573) 522-5805.

## For More Information

Vo-Tech Department  
Northeast Correctional Center  
13698 Airport Road  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
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Web Site: <http://www.stchas.edu/divisions/ccd/cfs/computerschools.shtml>

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Missouri Department of Corrections  
Phone: (573) 526-6537

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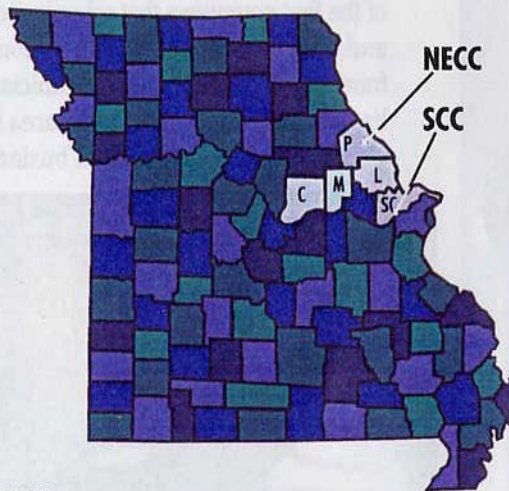




## School Districts Receiving Computers in 2001-02

- Wheaton R-III
- McDonald Co. R-I
- Odessa R-7
- Milan C-2
- Morgan Co. R-1
- Puxico R-VIII
- Hollister R-5
- Chadwick R-I
- Woodland R-IV
- Smithton R-VI
- VanBuren R-I
- Marshall
- Lathrop R-II
- Salisbury R-IV
- Ralls Co., R-II
- Camden Co. R-II
- Benton Co. R-IX
- Cape Girardeau #63
- East Prairie R-2
- Neosha R-5
- Keytesville R-III
- Oak Ridge
- Exeter R-VI
- Strasburg C-3
- Twin Rivers R-X
- Midway R-I
- Pettis Co.
- Hayti R-II
- Southwest R-V
- Montrose R-XIV
- Savannah R-III
- Mt. Vernon R-5
- Braymer C-4
- Northwestern R-I
- Sikeston R-VI
- Liberal R-II

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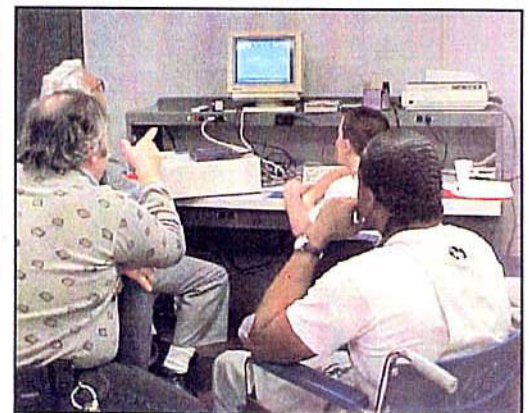
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# Computer

## What Is the Computers For Schools Program?

The Computers for Schools Program was started at the Northeast Correctional Center in November 1998. NECC is a high/medium level institution housing more than 1,900 offenders. Through this program, computers donated by various companies and individuals are refurbished and distributed to schools throughout Missouri. More than 2,200 computers and 350 printers have been distributed to public schools in the four years since the program's beginning.

During that time, more than 370 offenders have successfully completed the 180-hour class in Microcomputer Repair offered in cooperation with St. Charles Community College. Ninety hours are spent receiving classroom instruction and another 90 hours are spent in the lab where students gain hands-on experience.





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## Purpose of the Program

- To distribute computers to schools at virtually no cost (the only expense is to coordinate computer pick-up/shipping).
- To provide a place that businesses, companies, and people can donate their used computers.
- To train offenders, giving them marketable skills that can be used upon their release.



## A Brief History

The idea for the program was first brought to Missouri by the late Gov. Mel Carnahan. He saw this program as a way for offenders to give back to society by learning an employable skill to be used once their term is complete.

## How Does It Work?

Funds are provided through a technical grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to purchase parts to upgrade computers that are then sent to the public schools in Missouri.

Offender workers at NECC spend 38 hours per week working in the Vo-Tech Department refurbishing computers and making them ready for use.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is responsible for selection of the schools that receive computers from the program.

## The Program Helps Schools and Ex-Offenders

One ex-offender had been incarcerated for more than 22 years. He took the first computer repair class, refurbished some of the first computers that schools received, and then went home. Within a month he found a job as a computer technician and has since been promoted to an area supervisor for a computer-related business.

